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Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121

- I. Claims 1-21 are drawn to an electronic learning aid for teaching arithmetic skills having a scoring system and or question probability selector, classified in (434/188,322).
- II. Claims 22-23 are drawn to a user interface that limits a question response time based on expected response character input length, classified in (715/700).
- III. Claim 24 is drawn to a user interface that ceases accepting input upon entry of an incorrect alphanumeric character, classified in (715/700).

The inventions are distinct from each other because Inventions I-III are prima facie independent and distinct inventions due to their recitations of distinct and specific structures. Invention I is directed to an electronic learning aid for teaching arithmetic skills having a scoring system and or question probability selector. Invention II is directed to a user interface that limits a question response time based on expected response character input length. Invention III is directed to a user interface that ceases accepting input upon entry of an incorrect alphanumeric character. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, and has acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cameron Saadat whose telephone number is (571) 272-4443. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on (571) 272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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